Year	No. of employees	No of officers	Total
2003	8965	3040	12005
2008	7433	3932	11365

(b) The number of employees and officers, opting for retirement under VRS etc. during the last three years is as under:

Year	No. of employees	No of officers	Total
2005-06	3	5	8
2006-07	7	98	105
2007-08	5	3	8

(c) to (e) Pending completion of a manpower study for firming up of actual requirements, 121 officers were recruited during the year 2006-07; 100 officers during 2007-08; and 450 clerical staff during the current year on *ad-hoc* basis. An indent for recruiting an additional 1000 clerks has been placed on Central Recruitment and Promotion Department, State Bank of India to meet the requirements arising due to Business Process Re-engineering initiatives, branch expansion plans, etc.

Black Money

356. SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received the data of Indians who have parked their black money in Liechtenstein's LGT Bank from the German Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon; and

(c) if not, the steps being taken to obtain the information from the German Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The matter has been taken up with the German Government Seeking information relating to Indian account holders, if any, in Liechtenstein's LGT Bank.

Rise in inflation

357. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether inflation reached a 16 year high of 12.63 per cent in the week end August of this year;

(b) whether a comprehensive scheme has been launched to curb and cut down it; and